

June 20, 1994

**BREAKFAST MEETING WITH RUSSIAN ENVIRONMENT MINISTER  
VIKTOR DANILOV-DANILYAN**

**TIME:** 8:30 AM, Wednesday, June 22  
**LOCATION:** Tabard Inn, 1739 N St. NW, Washington DC  
**FROM:** Alan Hecht

**I. OBJECTIVE**

To reach agreement on main issues to be covered in Thursday morning's Environment Committee report to the Vice President and the Russian Prime Minister. (See briefing book scope paper.) This breakfast will also provide an opportunity to interact with a senior AID official and to help cement the good working relationship that we are striving to build with AID.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Danilov was unable to participate at the April Environment Committee meeting here in Washington. He, you, and AID Assistant Administrator Dine will jointly present the Environment Committee report at the Thursday morning session of the Gore-Chernomyrdin Commission. Given the OVP's dissatisfaction with recent AID decisions, the Thursday morning session will be closely watched in terms of AID's demonstrated willingness to work under the Gore-Chernomyrdin umbrella in partnership with the U.S. agencies involved and with the Russian Environment Ministry.

Probably the hottest issue arising at this session will be whether the USG is prepared to partially fund the expansion of a treatment facility in Murmansk to help Russia abide by the 1993 London Convention ban on ocean disposal of low-level radioactive waste. It is our understanding that the Vice President will address this issue with Chernomyrdin in a separate off-line discussion; his talking points have been included FYI at TAB P.

The center piece of the Environment Committee's agenda, however, remains the signing of the new bilateral Environmental Agreement, which will take place Thursday at the closing ceremony.

**III. PARTICIPANTS**

Minister Danilov, Vice Minister Tolkachev, Russian Embassy officer Peter Bogdanov; from EPA, you, me, Gary Waxmonsky, Lee Pasarew; Assistant Administrator Tom Dine from AID; and an interpreter. Invitations have been conveyed by phone to Katie McGinty, Eileen Claussen, and Tim Wirth; Ms. Claussen has accepted, we have yet to hear from Katie; Mr. Wirth may drop in briefly.

**IV. PRESS** [n/a]

**V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS**

Staff will see to personal introductions in the breakfast room upon your arrival. Breakfast will be served as a continental buffet; you should invite Minister Danilov to join you in the buffet line, then take a seat next to the Minister with the interpreter on his other side. Once all are seated (hopefully by 8:45), offer words of welcome and proceed to talking points (attached). You and the Minister should depart no later than 9:15 for the Jackson Place Conference Center; you may wish to invite him to ride with you (and the interpreter).

**VI. REMARKS** [attached]

Gore-Chernomyrdin Environment Committee

Administrator's Breakfast Meeting with  
Russian Environment Minister Viktor Danilov-Danilyan  
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NOTE: Address him as "Mr. Minister"

Annotated Agenda

1. Welcome [one-on-one]

I regret it has taken so long for us to actually meet, given my schedule conflicts last December and yours this past April. We have much to catch up on.

2. Introductions

Have you had the opportunity to meet everyone at the table? If not, we might ask each person to briefly introduce themselves as we begin our breakfast.

3. Opening remarks

In view of the very limited time available this morning, let me be very brief. All of us here today share an abiding commitment to environmental quality at home and worldwide. We view cooperation between our two countries in this sphere as natural and important.

4. New Bilateral Agreement

We can be proud of the new bilateral agreement that will be signed tomorrow by the Vice President and the Prime Minister. It represents both a tribute to the cooperation that has long existed between our two countries, and a confident commitment to a new partnership.

5. New Opportunities

There are many areas in which our two countries can and should work more closely together: biodiversity conservation and sustainable use of natural resources, pollution effects on human health, pollution impacts in the Arctic, global climate change, stratospheric ozone, and ocean dumping, among others.

6. Commitment to Partnership

We want to work with you in developing a genuine partnership on these issues--a partnership that will survive Russia's current economic difficulties and will provide a lasting tribute to both our countries.

7. [Danilov's response]

8. Open Discussion

Katie, Eileen, Tom, Alan--please, feel free to add your thoughts.

9. Conclusion [NLT 9:15]

Thank you all for coming this morning; now Minister Danilov have a 9:30 engagement with the Vice President and the Prime Minister!